Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended) An image retrieval apparatus, comprising:

a storage unit that stores static image data associated with time positions in a video data, the static image data being displayed with the video during time positions with which the static image data are associated;

an input unit that accepts an input keyword from a user;

a firstan extraction unit that extracts a character string contained in the static image data by at least one of (1) extracting text data from the static image data which has the text data, and (2) performing character recognition processing on the static image data and extracting text data which is a result of the processing;

a second extraction unit that extracts the keyword input by the user from at least one of meta-data and voice index data.

a first extraction performed by the first extraction unit and a second extraction performed by the second extraction unit being instructed by the user on a same screen;

a retrieval unit that matches the extracted character string with the input keyword to retrieve relevant static image data, the retrieval unit retrieving at least one of the meta-data and the voicevoice index data that include the input keyword; and

a video display unit that, according to the user's operation for selecting at least one of the displayed relevant static image data, reproduces and displays associated video data during time positions with which the selected static image data are associated.

2-3.   (Canceled)

4.   (Currently Amended) ~~A processor that performs an~~ An image retrieval method~~, comprising:~~ comprising:

performing ~~a first~~ an extraction, with an extraction unit, that extracts a character string contained in the static image data by at least one of (1) extracting text data from the static image data which has the text data, and (2) performing character recognition processing on the static image data and extracting text data which is a result of the processing;

~~performing a second extraction that extracts an input keyword input by a user from at least one of meta-data and voice index data,~~

~~the first extraction being different from the second extraction, both the first extraction and the second extraction being instructed by the user on a same screen;~~

matching ~~the input~~ an input keyword input by the user with the extracted character string, with a retrieval unit, to retrieve relevant static image data and retrieving ~~at least one of the~~ meta-data and ~~the voice~~ voice index data that include the input keyword; and

reproducing and displaying on a video display unit, according to the user's operation for selecting at least one of the displayed relevant static image data, associated video data during time positions with which the selected static image data are associated.

5.   (Canceled)

6.   (Currently Amended) A storage medium readable by a computer, the storage medium storing a program of instructions executable by the computer to perform a function for retrieving image data, the function comprising:

accepting an input keyword from a user;

performing ~~a first~~ an extraction that extracts a character string contained in the static image data by at least one of (1) extracting text data from the static image data which

has the text data, and (2) performing character recognition processing on the static image data

and extracting text data which is a result of the processing;

~~performing a second extraction that extracts the keyword input by the user~~

~~from at least one of meta-data and voice index data.~~

~~the first extraction being different from the second extraction, both the first~~

~~extraction and the second extraction being instructed by the user on a same screen;~~

matching the extracted character string with the input keyword to retrieve

relevant static image data and retrieving ~~at least one of the~~ meta-data and ~~the voice~~voice

index data that include the input keyword; and

reproducing and displaying, according to the user's operation for selecting at

least one of the displayed relevant static image data, associated video data during time

positions with which the selected static image data are associated.

7-8.   (Canceled)

9.   (Previously Presented) The image retrieval apparatus of claim 1, wherein the

video display unit displays a time scale including a slidable plug, and the user's operation for

selecting at least one of the displayed relevant static image data comprises moving the

slidable plug to select a slide image that is associated with the time position of the video data

to be replayed.

10.   (Currently Amended) The ~~processor~~ method according to claim 4, wherein the

user's operation for selecting at least one of the displayed relevant static image data comprises

moving a slidable plug on a displayed time scale to select a slide image that is associated with

the time position of the video data to be replayed.

11.   (Previously Presented) The storage medium according to claim 6, wherein the

user's operation for selecting at least one of the displayed relevant static image data comprises

moving a slidable plug on a displayed time scale to select a slide image that is associated with the time position of the video data to be replayed.

12.   (New) The image retrieval apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the input keyword is converted into voice waveform data, the voice waveform data being matched by the retrieval unit during the retrieval of the voice index data.

13.   (New) The method according to claim 4, further comprising:

converting the input keyword input by the user into voice waveform data and matching the voice waveform data with the voice index data.

14.   (New) The function for retrieving image data according to claim 6, further comprising:

converting the input keyword input by the user into voice waveform data and matching the voice waveform data with the voice index data.